

FREE WEBINARS FOR SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD LEADERS

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A series of free webinars are being offered throughout 2011 to help Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) leaders, including parent co-chairs, work collaboratively to ensure a smooth process for moving forward with curriculum recommendations.

Who is offering these webinars?

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs (CSHSP) unit is offering these educational sessions with supplemental HIV funding from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health. The focus of this funding is on engaging parents as leaders in helping young people make healthy choices about abstinence and healthy behavior. The MDE has contracted with Parent Action for Healthy Kids (PAFHK) to lead this initiative.

Who is the featured speaker?



Barb Flis

Barb Flis, Founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids (PAFHK) will be leading the webinars. Ms. Flis has more than 15 years of experience working with districts and teachers in the arena of HIV and sexuality education. She has advanced training and experience in effective professional development for adult learners. Ms. Flis has provided training and technical assistance to sex education trainers in every corner of the state of Michigan. She is a nationally recognized expert, keynoting conferences for professionals working in school health, teen pregnancy prevention, education professionals, and parent education. Her work coordinating the former Michigan Governor's *Talk Early & Talk Often* program has been cited in national press including Newsweek.

What is the focus of the webinars?

There are four topics in the webinar series. Each of these topics will be offered twice (9:30-11:00 AM and 6:30-8:00 PM) to accommodate hectic school and family schedules. Participation in all webinars is recommended but not required. The webinars are structured as "stand alone" sessions; hence, Webinar I is not a prerequisite for Webinar II, and so on. There is something to be gained for experienced as well as novice leaders.

The four topics in the series will be:

Thursday, February 24, 2011 9:30 – 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Jump Start Your Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB)! This webinar will help you assemble the basic steps for starting or resurrecting your SEAB including tips for smooth sailing as well as pitfalls to avoid. Focus areas include getting the prescribed membership, including 50 percent parents, establishing a collegial atmosphere, and keeping committee members engaged throughout the process.

Thursday, March 3, 2011 9:30 – 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Teaching Sex Education – Know the Law! The Michigan School Code for HIV and Sex Education instruction in Michigan public schools is not as complicated as it appears. This webinar will help you define key points that are important for Sex Education Advisory Boards (SEAB) to know.

Thursday, March 10, 2011 9:30 – 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Curricula Selection! One of the main responsibilities of the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) is to review and make recommendations for sex education materials and methods. The objective of this webinar is to help you identify research and best practice curricula that will meet the needs of students, be supported by parents, and be in compliance with Michigan School Code.

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:30 – 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The Two Year Report! The Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) has the responsibility to report the attainment of goals and objectives for sex education instruction. This webinar will help you to construct a report that informs the parent community of the attainment of those goals and objectives.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Webinar requirements and registration information

- Each webinar is limited to 25 district “teams”.
A “team” is the school representative (e.g., Curriculum Director, Health Teacher, Principal), and a parent representative (e.g., Co-Chair/Committee member.)
- Pre-registration is required for each representative, and you must register by February 18, 2011.
- We will match “teams” by district and acceptance of your registration(s) will be based on this matching. We will not confirm school representatives without a registration from your parent representative.
- Upon the matching of district “teams”, you will receive an email confirmation of your participation in the webinar. This email will confirm your date(s), time(s) and the link to sign onto the webinar(s). Also clear and easy instructions about how to type in questions or make comments will be included.
- You will need a phone, a computer and very basic computer skills to participate in the webinar.
- Additional participants may attend by sharing a phone and computer line.

Ready to register? Just click on this link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SEABregistration

Questions?

If you have questions about registration or the content of the webinar, contact Barb Flis at (248) 538-7786 or barb@parentactionforhealthykids.org.

If you have questions about HIV or sex education instruction in Michigan schools, contact Laurie Bechhofer, Health Education Consultant at bechhoferl@michigan.gov.

Resources

For information about HIV & Sex Education in Michigan Public Schools go to www.michigan.gov/hived.

Information for parents on sex education and other child health related topics go to www.parentactionforhealthykids.org and sign up to receive information and resources specific to your needs and interests.

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